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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed June 23, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects Group II (Claims 27-54) and Species II-A (Claim 38), with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Species Election Requirement because all of the species are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all of the species in a single application. (see, e.g., MPEP § 803)

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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